



# CASA OF PINAL COUNTY

## WEEKLY UPDATES

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### **HAPPY CASA-VERSARY**

*Rowena Harting 2 Years*

*Roy Ruohomaki 2 Years*

*Susan Ruohomaki 2 Years*

*Mary Warinner 3 Years*

*Thank  
You*

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**January 3 \*Hilario Pulido**

**January 4 \*Deborah Hoopengartner**

**January 10 \*Mary Warinner**

**January 16 \*Heather Atwood**

**January 21 \*Virginia "Anne" Lewis**

***We hope you all have a fabulous Birthday!***

**CASA Staff**



*"Volunteering is the  
ultimate exercise in  
democracy. You vote in  
elections once a year, but  
when you volunteer, you  
vote every day about the  
kind of community you  
want to live in."*

**— Dr Syed Muhammad**

***Zeeshan Hussain***

***Almashhadi***





## PEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

### Peer Support Groups

Have you ever wanted to discuss your case with someone who's "been there, done that?" Would you like a safe space to share accomplishments as well as vent about frustrations? Do you like the idea of a smaller group setting to learn more about dependency cases?

This is what Peer Support Groups are designed for! Regionally located, you can attend as many as you would like. Most CASA's prefer these meetings to be discussions related to case reviews and best practices. Our goal in 2020 is for each Peer Support Group to be led by a veteran CASA; we are also opening meeting opportunities in Queen Creek and Gold Canyon, as well as continuing in our existing areas of Apache Junction, Florence, Casa Grande, Maricopa, and SaddleBrooke. Plan to take part in a Peer Support Group meeting this year!

### Gold Canyon Peer Support

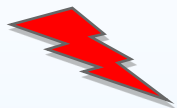
Gold Canyon Fire Department  
7557 US-60 Gold Canyon, AZ 85118  
**\*February 14, 2020 @ 1:00PM—3:00PM**

### Florence Peer Support

Florence Library  
775 N. Main St. Florence, AZ 85132  
**\*February 14, 2020 @ 9:00AM—10:30AM**

### TBD: Apache Junction, Casa Grande, and SaddleBrooke

Please watch for future updates.



*Shout out to the Queen Creek Peer Group held on Tuesday January, 14th. There were "9" CASAs in attendance!!!! This is fantastic! Thank you CASAs!. The more CASAs we have at our Peer Groups, the more we can learn from each other!*



## **CASA GMAIL ACCOUNT**

Recently, we've had a couple of volunteers contact our office regarding the **wrong time zone** in their **calendar invites for hearings** that we send out to you. If you are one of the people who is experiencing this problem, we have emailed a step-by-step process on how to correct this issue.

## **CONTACT LOGS**

As we enter a New Year, please remember to submit all contacts logs by the **5th** of every month.

## **TRAINING HOURS**

Please keep watch for the Spring In-Service Training and Mental Health Training. All CASAs are required to complete **12 Hours** of Training per Year and we recommend getting an early start during the 1st Quarter! You will be receiving a **2020 Training Supplement** that will contain links and a wide range of training material including suggested books. Please keep a look out in your email this week.

### **Ideas for Training:**

- ◆ Movies (*Check our CASA Library-See Your Coordinator*)
- ◆ Reading the Weekly Updates and Quarterly Newsletters
- ◆ Books (*Check our CASA Library-See Your Coordinator*)
- ◆ In-Service Training and Outside Training Material
- ◆ Webinars/Links—Online Learning Material (*Check your email*)

*Please feel free to ask the CASA staff for help if needed.*



## RESOURCES

# Dependency 101

- ♦ What is a Dependency?
  - ♦ Are you or a family member involved with the Department of Child Safety?
  - ♦ Do you have questions about the Court process?
- COME JOIN US TO HELP YOU  
BETTER UNDERSTAND THE COURT PROCESS**

Class Will be Held:

2/4/2020

3/3/2020

4/14/2020

from 12:00-1:30

Pinal County Superior Court

Florence AZ

Second Floor Training Room

**Please Call to Register**

**520-429-6874**

# FIRST THINGS

Information and inspiration for parents and caregivers of babies, toddlers and preschoolers



January 2020



## Are children born to be kind?

Most parents want their child to be kind and caring. But are babies born to be kind, or do kindness and empathy need to be learned?

[Watch](#)



## Mister Rogers movie is a reminder of what young children need

"One word, 'connection,' captures what is happening inside and what is needed from the outside for a young child's brain." Read our Q&A with the co-director of the Fred Rogers Center.

[Learn more](#)



The Parent Kit is here to help you meet the challenges of being a parent.





<https://justiceclearinghouse.com/webinar/youth-homelessness-and-juvenile-justice-supporting-youth-across-systems/>

Nationally, an estimated 78 percent of young people who have experienced homelessness report that they have also had at least one interaction with law enforcement, while 44 percent have spent time in a jail or detention facility. Join us to learn about ways that communities can better support young people who find themselves at the intersections of youth homelessness and juvenile justice to ensure that youth do not have unnecessary contact with the juvenile justice system and that if they do come in contact with the justice system, that they exit to safe, stable, and secure housing. Participants will also gain a better understanding of ways that the newly reauthorized Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act can help states ensure more stable housing options for youth in the juvenile justice system.

**Click for Details and to Register**

#### **Causes and Conditions of Childhood Trauma**



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**A Practical Approach for  
Justice Professionals**



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